

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 12, 2021

The Voice of Saint Wenceslaus

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English Translation: The Parish of St. Wenceslaus Welcomes You to This Holy Mass



Mission Statement

We, the community of Saint Wenceslaus, inspired by the call to follow Christ, share in the mission of the Church through prayer, worship and continuing faith formation together and individually. We strive to further the call of Jesus to be of service to others through being a caring community, reaching out locally and globally to those in need.

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GOULASH DAY NEWS

NEXT PLANNING MEETINGS — Join us for our next Goulash Day planning meetings on **September 12 and 19** after the 10:30 Mass in Chihak Hall. Everyone is invited.

RAFFLE TICKETS for Goulash Day are now available in the back of the church. Please take an envelope and help us make this event a success. You don't need to be a parishioner to buy and sell raffle tickets.

KOLACHE BAKERS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS! Flour, sugar, & eggs can be dropped off at the parish office during business hours.

SEEKING SPONSORS — We are asking for sponsors for Goulash Day: corporate, business, and individual sponsorships. Please pick up a sponsor sheet at the back of church or at swcr.church if you're interested.

GOULASH VEGETABLE CLEANING DAY — **September 20 @ 8:30 a.m.** in Glovik Parish Center. Bring cutting board, paring knife, & peeler. All are welcome!

GOULASH DAY FLYERS are in the back of the church. Please take them to your neighborhood businesses and ask if they will display them.

SIGN UP TO HELP — Please sign up to help at Goulash Day. The sign-up sheets are in the entryway. With everyone's help, we can make this event a success!

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING — Training for Lectors will be held on September 15 at 6 p.m. and September 18 at 9 a.m. at I.C. for lectors from both parishes.

ST. WENCESLAUS FACEBOOK PAGE

Please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/StWence/>

ONLINE GIVING



St. Wenceslaus parishioners can now contribute money to the parish electronically! Just click on the “**Online Giving**” link at swcr.church.

ST. WENCESLAUS 99TH ANNUAL CZECH GOULASH DAY — Join St. Wenceslaus Church on **Sunday, September 26 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** in celebrating our 99th annual Czech Goulash Day! This will be a celebration with traditional Czech food, music, and fun for the whole family!

MEN'S DINNER

Annual Men's Dinner — Mark your calendars for the 10th Annual Men's Dinner at Immaculate Conception Scotus Hall on **Saturday, October 30, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.** Our event includes dinner, dessert, fellowship, prayer, and a talk from Father Conway. Contact Tom Coppa for more information, to volunteer, or to RSVP. **Email:** tcoppa@gmail.com or **Text:** 319-654-5280.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Court #1768 will meet **Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Wenceslaus Church. We'll start with a potluck supper and discuss programs and activities for the coming year. Guests are always welcome. Contacts: Erika at 238-1798 and Linda at 480-4983.

NEED MONEY COUNTERS — St. Wenceslaus is looking for more volunteers to help serve as money counters. Training will be provided, and we will set up a rotation of counters. Please contact Carmen Kelley at dbq027bm@dbqarch.org or (319) 362-7181 if you are interested.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, and Lectors for the 4 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses are needed. Please call the office if you'd like to volunteer.

Stewardship – God Calls Us to Service

Please contact the parish office if you can help with any of these ministries:

- Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound
- Altar Servers & Ushers – 4 p.m. Saturday Mass
- Provide funeral luncheon salads/desserts
- Offertory Counters
- Deliver monthly food collection
- Join our choir

PARISH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Dennis Conway

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DEACONS: Vernon Rompot, David Harris, Robert Hurych

PARISH COORDINATOR: Patti Jansa / stwencr@msn.com

PHONE NUMBERS

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St. Wenceslaus Parish Office: 362-8061

DRE/PASTORAL MINISTER: Erica Ernzen / e.ernzen@dbqarch.org

SECRETARY OF PASTORAL MINISTRIES, CONFIRMATION, FUNERALS:

Christina Coveyou / dbq027s@dbqarch.org

MARRIAGES: Arrange with the pastor and parish office 6 months prior to planned date.

BAPTISMS: Participation in the Baptismal Program is required. Contact the parish office.

SACRAMENTS FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: Contact the parish office whenever you know of sick/homebound parishioners.

PARISH NURSES: Connie Arens at 319-431-7737, Elaine Boes at 319-848-6052, or Susan Teahen at 319-431-8493.

St. Wenceslaus Mass & Confession Schedule

Masses: Saturday @ 4:00 p.m.

Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

Monday @ 6:30 p.m. (Extraordinary Form—Latin)

Confessions: 3-3:45 p.m. on Saturday / 9:45-10:15 a.m. on Sunday

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to add a prayer intention to our prayer chain, please call 319-390-1277, or send an email to icswprayer@gmail.com.

TO ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: St. Luke's Hospital needs Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to distribute the Eucharist to its hospitalized Catholic patients. If interested, contact Dick Lensing at 319-573-9669 or richardlensing3457@gmail.com. Training is provided.

LIVE-STREAMING MASSES—Live-streamed Sunday Masses from Immaculate Conception can be found at [YouTube.com/c/immaculateconceptioncatholicchurch](https://www.youtube.com/c/immaculateconceptioncatholicchurch).

Please pray for these members of our parish community: Bernita Beltz, Lavaun Stramel, Betty Fay, Dave Phillips, Richard Larson, Ryan Jansa, Anita Panosh, Michael Talton, Deb Pesek, Evelyn Ehrenberger, George Richards, Darren Tichy, Pat Mooney, Michael Severt, Kayla Panos, Margaret Cejka, Dave Martin, Catherine Crotts, Tom Fleming, Francis Schmaltz, Carmen Miller, Mary McEniry, Hazel Walton, Barb Ashbacher, Theresa Ruzicka, Jan Kazimour, Marie Miller, Bette Spencer Miller, Hope Forristall, Diane Stastny, Barb Ruzicka, William & Rosemary Jacobson, Jolene Birkicht, Jean Petrzela, Carol Ellis, Rita Cejka, Thomas Trcka, Sonny Hartl, Doris Snyder, Dan Vchytal, John Pope, Joe Zachar.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2021-2022



If you have a young person who needs to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and will be age 15 by June 2022, please contact Christina Coveyou to get registered for the upcoming classes this year. There will be a short meeting prior to the first class held in August, so please send an email to Christina at dbq027s@dbqarch.org soon!



Registration for Religious Education 2021-22 is Open! Classes for Kindergarten through 8th Grade

are right around the corner! Register today using the NEW online registration form available on the homepage of either parish website. Classes begin on **September 22** in Scotus Hall at Immaculate Conception. Contact Erica Ernzen with questions at e.ernzen@dbqarch.org.

AUTUMN PILGRIMAGE 2021 — You are invited to join Fr. Ken Glaser and members of St. Ludmila Parish on **October 21-22, 2021** as we embark on a spiritual journey to two sacred Catholic sites in Northwest Iowa. We will visit and explore **Trinity Heights** in Sioux City as well as the amazing **Grotto of the Redemption** in West Bend. The total cost is only \$110/person for double occupancy and \$158 for single occupancy. To learn more and register, visit www.stludmila.org.



ST. JOSEPH NOVENA FOR SEPTEMBER — The St. Joseph Novena for September

will be at St. Pius Church on **Sunday, September 19**, at 1:00 p.m. (not 1:30 as originally scheduled).



September 4-5 Operational Income

The Financial Stewardship report for September 4-5 will be in the September 19 Voice.



CEDAR RAPIDS FESTIVAL LATINO — Immaculate Conception Church Hispanic Ministry is sponsoring a fundraising booth at the Cedar Rapids Festival Latino on **September 12 from 12 to 5 p.m. at the McGrath Amphitheatre**. Please stop by the I.C. booth and sample the elotes (corn on a stick), Mexican fruit in a cup, and more!



Calling All Knitters & Crocheters — Join us the third Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in Scotus Hall. We make shawls and lap blankets for the homebound and hospital and hospice patients. Items are blessed by a priest before delivery. Call Jean Bean at 319-228-8865 for more information. New members are welcome!



Register Now for the St. Vincent de Paul "Friends of the Poor Walk/Run" Annual Fundraiser! This year our event will be held on **Saturday September 25**, at Cherry Hill Park, 370 Stoney Point Road NW in Cedar Rapids. To register as a walker, to donate, and/or to get additional information, please check out our event page at www.fopwalk.org/event/2577.

40 Days for Life is a cross-denominational, faith-based effort to end abortion through prayer, fasting, and community outreach. Join us for the **Kick-off Rally at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 19** at First Open Bible Church, 1911 "E" Avenue NW in Cedar Rapids. Rev. Michael Salemin, Executive Director of Lutherans for Life, will speak about life through all of its stages with the theme "FEAR NOT." This rally will inspire and motivate you to pray and fast for an end to legal abortion.



A Call to Pray for Our Country — Please join the Catholic Daughters Cedar Rapids Court in an hour of prayer every Wednesday at St. Wenceslaus Church, starting at 3 p.m. with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by private prayer for our country and all its challenges.



HOSPITAL VISITS — If you or someone in your family is admitted to one of the hospitals, please tell them you are Catholic AND a parishioner of St. Wenceslaus parish.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE — We have low-gluten hosts available for those who need one. Please check in with the priest or sacristan before Mass to request a low-gluten host.



KMMK 88.7 FM Talk Radio for Catholic Living is available in Cedar Rapids and surrounding areas. Turn your dial to 88.7 FM and support Catholic radio.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP — The Men's Prayer Group meets on Tuesday mornings at 6:00 a.m. at I.C. All are welcome.



NEXT CEO—The next CEO will be Monday, September 20 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. The speaker will be Fr. Gary Mayer.

Go to our website (swcr.church) to access the event flyer.

PRAY FOR LIFE SATURDAYS — Join all Cedar Rapids parishes in defending God's greatest gift of human life. Pray for the conversion of hearts every Saturday outside the Planned Parenthood Clinic from 10-11 a.m. under the protection of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Victory for Our Lady. Victory for Life. Thanks for your support! Contact Natalie at (563) 663-7558 with questions.

Mass Intentions — If you would like to have a Mass offered for your loved ones, please fill out a Mass Intention card found on the table in the back of church or call the parish office.



CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS (CCM)

at I.C. invites all women to join us as we pray for our children, (birth and spiritual children), grandchildren, husbands, families, & our parish on the 3rd Saturday of each month after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the church. Contact Lisa Gallet at 721- 9168 or Dixie Diaz at 787-403-7969.

MASS OPTIONS: In addition to the daily live-stream Masses posted on the I.C. YouTube channel, Mass is also offered on Sundays from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. on the following cable channels: Cedar Rapids Cable on Channel 3; Direct TV on Channel 8; DISH on Channel 20; ImOn on Channel 10 (CW/7.2); KWWL on Channel 7.2; Media Com on Channel 107; Southslope on Channel 5.

Mass is offered on **EWTN** (Eternal Word Television Network) on Sunday at 7 a.m. & 11 a.m. and from Monday through Saturday at 7:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.

VOICE OF THE SAINTS

"If you are wise, then, know that you have been created for the glory of God and your own eternal salvation. This is your goal; this is the center of your life; this is the treasure of your heart."

St. Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621)

Feast Day: September 17

SEPTEMBER COLLECTIONS

Area Needs — Metro Catholic Outreach

Food Needs — St. Vincent de Paul

MASS INTENTIONS:

SEPTEMBER 11: PATRICIA DURFEY

SEPTEMBER 12: CHARLES "CHUCK" ZOBL

SEPTEMBER 13: ROSEMARY MALIK

SANCTUARY LIGHT: ROSEMARY MALIK

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Brothers and Sisters,

As disciples of Jesus the scene in this weekend's Gospel is probably familiar to us, but a detail we often miss is that Jesus chooses Caesarea Philippi as the backdrop for this pivotal conversation with His disciples. Caesarea Philippi was a very cosmopolitan location in Jesus' day, with Rome having established it as a melting pot of cultures. If you go to the ruins of Caesarea Philippi today you can see a cave that held shrines to a great number of gods from different religions around the Roman Empire. It is here, in this place, that Jesus asks His disciples that pivotal question: But who do you say that I am?

Jesus understands that we are always facing a great number of voices, cultural forces, and temptations to worship false gods. It was true of the first disciples and it is true of us today: our profession of Jesus as Lord challenges the cosmopolitan vision that we shouldn't insist on Catholic Christianity as a totally unique reality. In saying that Jesus is the Christ, Peter (and us with him) is also saying that all of the other gods represented in that shrine are not gods at all, not worthy of being followed, and not worthy of having command over our lives. Who do we say that Jesus is?

This weekend's Gospel invites us to examine our lives with Christ in prayer, becoming aware of the other "gods" that make demands on us. What are those gods? Money? Politics? Lust? Acceptance? There are so many voices that a modern America, and ancient Rome, encouraged people to listen to, but Jesus cuts through all of them. He asks all of His disciples to take up a cross but He also asks us to do it following after Him, which means that He does not ask us to go somewhere He hasn't already gone. Whatever false gods we set aside in following Jesus, we can be assured that in following after Him, carrying our cross, we will rise with Him to new life.

In Christ,
Fr. Aaron

Ministers Schedule

SEPTEMBER 18		SEPTEMBER 19
VOLUNTEER	Lector	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	Server	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	Server	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	EM	VOLUNTEER
PRIEST	EM	PRIEST
VOLUNTEER	Usher	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	Usher	VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER	Usher	VOLUNTEER
M Harman	Sacristan	P Jansa

Counters: Piersall

Readings for the Week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: Isa 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35 (131)
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10 (443)
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17 (638)
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Jn 19:25-27 (445)
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50 (446)
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3 (447)
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15 (448)
Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37 (134)

BIRTHRIGHT — Birthright offers free pregnancy tests, maternity clothing vouchers, newborn baby blankets, referrals, and more. Birthright is here to help! Call 393-3251; 24-hour help line — 1-800-550-4900.

FAMILY COUNSELING — Family counseling at Immaculate Conception with Fr. Lloyd (Sam) Cunningham of Divine Word is currently not being offered. It will resume in August 2021.

GOLDEN FRIENDSHIPS — Golden Friendships will meet on **Thursday, September 16** at 12 Noon in Chihak Hall. Join us for potluck and Bingo!

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